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Mr. William Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I have received the first of the semiannual reports that the Central Intelligence Agency is required to file under the provisions of the Central Intelligence Agency Information Act. This report covers the first five months of activity following passage of the Act.

I appreciate that the CIA has undertaken efforts to implement the new law and to improve the processing of FOIA requests. This appears to be in keeping with the commitment you made to the Congress during consideration of the legislation. I also realize that it does take time and effort to implement a new law and that it also takes time for the results to be reflected in a reduction in the backlog and the processing time.

For all of these reasons, I hesitate to express any disappointment with the limited progress to date. The statistics show that there has been some improvement, and I am pleased that FOIA operations are moving in the proper direction. I look forward to reviewing the report covering the second six months. I anticipate that report will demonstrate that significant additional progress has been made.

I am sure that I share with you the hope that the benefits of the Central Intelligence Agency Information Act will be more fully realized in the near future.

Sincerely,

*Glenn English*  
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Chairman